

REMARKS/ARGUMENTS

Claims 1 to 26 were pending in the application. Claims 1 to 12 and 16 to 19 were allowed. Claims 13 to 15 and 20 to 26 were rejected. By this amendment Claims 1 to 12 and 17 to 19 are maintained, Claims 13, 20 and 21 are amended and Claims 14 to 16 and 22 to 26 are cancelled. Full support for the amendments made to claims 13, 20 and 21 can be found throughout the present application including the claims as originally filed. Accordingly no questions of new matter should arise and entry of the amendments is respectfully requested. Further reconsideration and allowance of the above identified application is respectfully requested.

Claim Rejections - 35 USC § 112

At paragraph 2 of the Office Action the Examiner rejected claims 13 to 15 and 20 to 26 under 35 USC § 112, second paragraph as being indefinite for failing to particularly point out and distinctly claim the subject matter which the Applicant regards as the invention.

In reply, the Applicants have amended claims 13, 20 and 21 to recite a programmed computer or server rather than a computer program product. Accordingly it is submitted that the Examiner's rejection of claims 13, 20 and 21 has been addressed. Claims 14 to 15 and 22 to 26 have been cancelled. Hence, the Applicants respectfully submit that the rejection of claims 13 to 15 and 20 to 26 under 35 USC § 112, second paragraph be withdrawn.

Claim Rejections – 35 USC § 101

Previous claims 13 to 16 and 20 to 26 were rejected under 35 USC § 101 by the Examiner on the basis that the claimed invention is directed to non-statutory subject matter.

As already mentioned, claims 13, 20 and 21 have been amended to recite a programmed computer or server rather than a computer program product. Accordingly it is submitted that the Examiner's rejection of claims 13, 20 and 21 is rendered moot. Claims 14 to 16 and 22 to 26 have been cancelled. Hence, the Applicants respectfully submit that the rejection of claims 13 to 15 and 20 to 26 under 35 USC § 101 be withdrawn.

CONCLUSION

In view of the foregoing remarks, the Applicant respectfully request the reconsideration of this Application and the timely allowance of the pending claims. The Examiner is respectfully requested to contact the undersigned by telephone should there be any remaining questions as to the patentability of the pending claims.

A Petition for Extension of Time under 37 CFR 1.136(a) and the requisite three-month extension fee of \$510 are submitted herewith. If there are any other fees due in connection with the filing of this response, please charge the fees to Deposit Account No. 50-1980, The H.T. Than Law Group. If a fee is required for an extension of time under 37 C.F.R. § 1.136 not accounted for above, such extension is requested and should also be charged to said Deposit Account.

Respectfully submitted,

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